

PROJECT FACT SHEET

BEAVERKILL HABITAT RESTORATION

March 2005

CONGRESSIONAL INFO: Sen. Clinton (NY), Sen. Schumer (NY), Rep. Hinchey (NY-22)

AUTHORITY: Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 as amended.

LOCATION: The study area is located in the Town of Hardenburgh in Ulster County.

STUDY/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District has requested Corps of Engineers assistance in restoring the stream. The Beaverkill is a valued cold-water stream being threatened from erosion and road failure. At two locations along the southern bank, the road will be relocated and a riparian buffer created.

STUDY/PROJECT STATUS: The study area has been investigated and an initial evaluation completed. A Preliminary Restoration Plan (PRP) has been developed which proposes restoration at a cost of approximately \$2.2 million, which will significantly improve the aquatic environment by stream and riparian restoration. The PRP is being reviewed by Higher Authority and if approved, a \$200,000 Feasibility Study will be initiated in FY2005 which will investigate and evaluate alternatives, develop detailed plans for several alternatives and prepare and coordinate and environmental assessment. Due to the nationwide demand for limited program funds, full funding may not be possible.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: An environmental assessment will need to be prepared.

SPONSOR: Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District

CRITICAL ISSUES: None

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